

## MIDDLE WEST IN THE GRIP OF TERRIFIC STORM

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 27.—Three railroads of all railroads have reported damage and discontinued, owing to the bad weather. Trains from the west are reported stalled.

**RAILROADS.** The 12 roads between the midwest and West have suspended all the traffic of the former and the latter since the most severe gales ever in those several years. Practically all of the equipment of the Rock Island is reported still on the main line.

### Great Weather.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 27.—Today's weather will probably continue to hold as it did yesterday on the result of the most violent of many gales which swept over the state yesterday. It is still reported severely that the little one went down and took with him the power of getting through before the day is over. The blizzard started in the north end of the state and moved to the southwest. Some passengers were reported in all sections.

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After a few short runs to the lakes were reported last night and early this morning, and all the more snow was continually to accumulate and were stalled in drifts in the cities for seven.

The locomotives the Milwaukee and Southern and Burlington were also stalled in the snow.

### Southwest to Annex.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 27.—Conditions will be much to the east of heavy winter snow, the northern sections being the most affected conditions of the place. Small drifts of yesterday afternoon and last night in deer tracks and paths were generally as follows: The snow was running as scheduled and telegraph service from many cities was off.

Bad conditions in Kansas City were the worst 10 years. The cities of cities in the state were in heavy difficulty in making passage with power maintained. Several small fire stations were unable to function during the night were forced by emergency buttons because the fire department could not make progress through the snow.

For hours telegraph connections on every road to the west from St. Louis and West Texas were in order. Roads usually crowded Sunday night, were almost deserted last night a small army of men under the personal supervision of the state commissioners, set to work clearing the roads. A special car was issued for the men and their teams.

Because of the depression, the services most of the drivers were delayed last night. Deep drifts of snow made it practically impossible even for pedestrians to get about. Large districts of the city were without light because of the breaking of electric wires. Telephone lines were completely destroyed.

At the office of the general manager of the Rock Island it was said that the storm in Colorado, New Mexico and western Kansas was the worst the line had ever experienced. The snow in western Kansas was accompanied by a 50-mile wind.

Airline, Topeka and Santa Fe, Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific railroads in the northwest are also damaged.

Headquarters of the Rock Island were cut off from communication with the northeast. The Golden State limited due from the west at 3:15 had not been heard from since yesterday morning, when it was held up at Durango, Texas.

Delayed passenger train No. 2, due here at 1:30 p. m. had not been heard from. Train No. 40, inbound, due at 8:25 this morning was reported to be many hours late.

Missouri Pacific eastbound No. 1, from Pueblo at 8:15 in the morning, was stalled west of Herington, Kansas. No. 3, westbound, due to depart for Pueblo at 8:15, was stalled.

Airline, Topeka and Santa Fe train No. 8, due up yesterday was at Dodge City around 15 hours late. Trains No. 2 and 4, also stalled in western Kansas, were reported as moving and were expected to leave about 15 hours late.

Union Pacific headquarters have had received no reports from inbound trains No. 118 and No. 104 due this afternoon.

## T. R. ANNOUNCES THAT HE WILL ACCEPT NOMINATION

**He Promised Reply to Governors the Colonel Says He Will Be Candidate of His Party Until Convention Rules Otherwise.**

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 27.—"Whether or not the convention of the state of Michigan will be held in Detroit or Toledo, Ohio, is not the question," said Thomas Roosevelt, president. "It is the only question on the subject is what resolution shall be adopted that he would accept the presidential nomination if offered to him."

With Mr. Roosevelt apparently removed the active role of party organization in his campaign, the political situation is becoming a loose organization with no specific connection.

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